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Final performance report of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report contains the final performance report of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (UNTAES) and the Civilian Police Support Group.

The report contains information on reimbursement to troop-contributing Governments, expenditures, cash position and unpaid assessed contributions.

The actions to be taken by the General Assembly are set out in paragraph 1.

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I. Overview

Table 1
Overview of performance
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category of expenditure	*Expenditure reported in performance reports*	*Actual expenditures*	*Variance*
Gross requirements	467 310.1	435 240 800	(32 069.3)
Income from staff assessment	(12 602.5)	(11 248.5)	1 354.0
Net requirements	454 707.6	423 992 300	(30 715.3)

1. For the detailed reasons explained in paragraphs 11 to 16 below, the action to be taken by the General Assembly in respect of United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (UNTAES)/Civilian Police Support Group is as follows: **a decision that Member States waive their respective shares in the cash balance of $35,799,000 to be applied to the resources required for the financing of the strategic deployment stocks.**

II. Introduction

United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium

2. On 12 November 1995, the Basic Agreement on the Region of Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (A/50/757-S/1995/951, annex) was signed. It provided for the peaceful integration into Croatia of the region known as Sector East. By that Agreement, the Security Council was requested to establish a transitional administration to govern the region during the transition period of 12 months. Additionally, the Agreement authorized an international force to maintain peace and security during the transitional period and otherwise to assist in the implementation of the Agreement.

3. The United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium was subsequently established by the Security Council, in its resolution 1037 (1996) of 15 January 1996, for a period of 12 months. Its mandate was extended by subsequent Security Council resolutions to 15 January 1998.

Civilian Police Support Group

4. By its resolution 1145 (1997) of 19 December 1997, the Security Council established the Civilian Police Support Group for a single nine-month period ending 15 October 1998, to continue to monitor the performance of the Croatian police in the Danube region, in particular in connection with the return of displaced persons, and to provide limited on-the-job training to improve the professional capability of the local police. By the same resolution, the Council decided that the Support Group would assume responsibility for those UNTAES personnel and United Nations-owned assets needed for its use in the fulfilment of its mandate.

5. The General Assembly, in paragraph 9 of its resolution 52/244 of 26 June 1998, decided to use the special account for UNTAES, established by its resolution 50/242 of 7 June 1996, for the Civilian Police Support Group.

Liquidation

6. The field liquidation activities, including disposal of assets, were carried out during the period from 16 January to 30 November 1998. Residual liquidation tasks were completed at Headquarters from 1 December 1998 to 28 February 1999. The report on the final disposition of the assets of UNTAES and the Civilian Police Support Group was contained in document A/53/838 and Corr.1.

III. Voluntary contributions and trust funds

Table 2
Voluntary contributions
(United States dollars)

Government/organization	*Contribution*	*Value*
Belgium	1 fixed-wing aircraft	297 500
	2 gratis personnel	122 400
France	1 gratis personnel	61 200
Sweden	1 gratis personnel	61 200
United States of America	4 gratis personnel	244 800

Table 3
Trust funds
(United States dollars)

	Receipts	*Expenditures*
Trust fund for the police assistance programme in Eastern Slavonia		
25 March 1996 to 30 November 1998	-	-
Trust fund for confidence-building measures in Eastern Slavonia		
10 June 1996 to 30 November 1998	627 480	536 331
Trust fund for economic revitalization and restoration of essential services in Eastern Slavonia		
1 August 1996 to 30 November 1998	3 987 862	3 810 130
Total	**4 615 342**	**4 346 461**

IV. Status of reimbursement to troop-contributing Governments

Troop contributors

7. The Governments of Argentina, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Indonesia, Jordan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Poland, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America provided troops to UNTAES.

Status of reimbursement

8. Full reimbursement of troop costs has been made.

V. Contingent-owned equipment

Method of reimbursement

9. In section 1, paragraph 4, of its resolution 51/218 E of 17 June 1997, the General Assembly reiterated that, for missions activated prior to 1 July 1996, countries had the option to accept reimbursement under either the new or the old reimbursement methodology. The countries that provided contingent-owned equipment to UNTAES have opted for reimbursement under the new arrangements.

Status of reimbursement

10. Full reimbursement for usage charges of contingent-owned equipment and self-sustainment costs has been made. However, an amount of $5.4 million has been retained in the UNTAES/Civilian Police Support Group Special Account ($0.8 million in accounts payable and $4.6 million in unliquidated obligations) to settle outstanding claims for losses of contingent-owned equipment.

VI. Financial performance report

11. A total of $517,546,360 gross ($501,478,560 net) was appropriated by the General Assembly for the operation of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group.

12. Expenditures amounting to $467,310,100 gross ($454,707,600 net) excluding budgeted voluntary contributions in kind in the amount of $297,500, were accounted for in the performance reports dated 21 February 1997 (A/51/520/Add.2), 15 December 1997 (A/52/722), 11 December 1998 (A/53/742) and 17 January 2000 (A/54/713), resulting in an unencumbered balance of $50,236,260 gross ($46,770,960 net). Decisions were taken by the General Assembly on the treatment of all reported unencumbered balances.

13. Additional unencumbered balances of $32,069,300 gross ($30,715,300 net) resulted from reductions amounting to $33,464,300 gross ($32,110,300 net) from the cancellation of obligations ($27,202,000) and from a variance between expenditures reflected in the performance report and those recorded in the UNTAES/Civilian Police Support Group Special Account for the period ending 30 June 1996

($6,262,300 gross, $4,908,300 net) offset by additional requirements of $1,395,000 in respect of prior period adjustments.

14. As can be seen from table 4 below, as at 31 December 2001 the balance of appropriations amounted to $32,069,300 gross ($30,715,300 net).

Table 4
Summary of resources as at 31 December 2001
(United States dollars)

	Gross	*Net*
1. Appropriations	517 546 360	501 478 560
2. Expenditures	435 240 800	423 992 300
Total, 1 less 2	**82 305 560**	**77 486 260**
3. Credits applied to Member States	50 236 260	46 770 960
4. **Balance of appropriations**	**32 069 300**	**30 715 300**

15. Information on the UNTAES/Civilian Police Support Group cash position, status of assessed contributions and other income as at 31 December 2001 is shown in tables 5, 6 and 7 below.

Table 5
Financial position as at 31 December 2001
(United States dollars)

1. Cash balance	42 446 000
2. Cash requirements	
Unliquidated obligations	5 322 000
Amounts in accounts payable	1 274 000
Other liabilities	51 000
Subtotal	**6 647 000**
3. **Balance**	**35 799 000**

Table 6
Status of assessed contributions as at 31 December 2001
(United States dollars)

Unpaid assessed contributions	25 449 398

Table 7
Other income as at 31 December 2001
(United States dollars)

Interest income	25 663 000
Miscellaneous income[a]	4 151 000

[a] Includes an amount of $954,419, which represents the sale of UNTAES assets to the Stabilization Force contingents on an offset basis.

VII. Application of unencumbered balance

16. In paragraph 124 of his report dated 1 June 2001 on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations (A/55/977), the Secretary-General proposed a modest up-front procurement of a medium strategic reserve for Brindisi in order to deploy a peacekeeping operation in 30 to 90 days. The report containing the budget for the strategic reserve stocks, estimated at $179.7 million, is being finalized. In view of the fund balances available in several closed missions, for which final performance reports are being submitted to the General Assembly at the current session, it is proposed that balances be transferred to the account of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi to meet most of the cost of the strategic reserve stocks rather than be credited to Member States. As regards the UNTAES/Civilian Police Support Group, it is proposed that the cash balance of $35,799,000 reflected in table 4 be transferred from the mission' s special account to the United Nations Logistics Base account for this purpose.